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SUBJECT: ILO CONFERENCE: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE NARROWLY
APPROVES LIBYAN-SYRIAN RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

REF: GENEVA 09337

1. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AFTERNOON JUNE 23 APPROVED SUB-
JECT RESOLUTION BY A VOTE OF 5898 IN FAVOR WITH 4838 VOTES
IN ABSTENTION (WEIGHTED VOTES). UNOFFICIAL MISSION COUNT

SHOWED THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: FOR THE GOVERNMENT, 50 IN FAVOR WITH 22 ABSTENTIONS; EMPLOYERS 20 WITH 24 ABSTENTIONS; FOR THE WORKERS, 47 IN FAVOR WITH 41 ABSTENTIONS.
(INDIVIDUAL VOTES)

2. STRONG LOBBYING EFFORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) LED TO SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF ABSTENTIONS AMONG WORKER DELEGATES. MISSION UNOFFICIAL TALLY SHOWED THAT THE 41 ABSTENTION VOTES REPRESENTED A 14 VOTE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORKER VOTE ON THE IMEC COUNTRY EFFORT TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARED INEXPEDIENT (REFTEL). EMPLOYERS IMPROVED THEIR VOTE BY 3 OVER THE EXPEDIENT VOTE. IN THE GOVERNMENT GROUPS, THE PRO-RESOLUTION FORCES INCREASED THEIR VOTE BY 3 OVER THE INEXPEDIENT VOTE WHILE THOSE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION INCREASED THEIR VOTING STRENGTH BY ONE. IMEC ENGAGED IN A STRONG LOBBYING EFFORT, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE LATINS WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS: ARGENTINA DID NOT VOTE ON EITHER OCCASION ALTHOUGH PRESENT; BRAZIL WAS ABSENT ON BOTH OCCASIONS; COLOMBIA WHICH ABSTAINED ON THE INEXPEDIENT MOTION, DID NOT VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ALTHOUGH PRESENT; ECUADOR AND EL SALVADOR WERE ALSO ABSENT ON BOTH OCCASIONS; MEXICO ABSTAINED ON BOTH VOTES; NICARAGUA WAS ABSENT ON BOTH OCCASIONS; PERU ABSTAINED ON THE EARLIER VOTE AND WAS ABSENT ON THE SECOND; GUATEMALA VOTED WITH IMEC ON BOTH OCCASIONS; BOLIVIA VOTED WITH THE ARAB FORCES ON BOTH OCCASIONS.
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3. IMEC COUNTRIES WERE PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED WITH SPAIN WHICH WAS ABSENT DURING THE INEXPEDIENT VOTE BUT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION. AMONG THE AFRICANS, IMEC HAD EXPECTED NIGERIA WHICH WAS ABSENT ON THE INEXPEDIENT VOTE TO VOTE WITH THEM ON THE RESOLUTION BUT NIGERIA INSTEAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION.

4. THE CLOSENESS OF THE VOTE WOULD INDICATE THAT IMEC AND THE WESTERN EMPLOYER AND WORKER GROUPS MAY HAVE BETTER CHANCE TO DEFEAT RESOLUTION IN THE PLENARY. WE EXPECT THE RESOLUTION WILL COME FOR A VOTE EITHER JUNE 26 OR 27.
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